का अधिकार प्रदान करने के लिये अलग से कोई विधेयक लाने या संविधान में संशोधन करने का विचार कर रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार का क्या निर्णय है?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस०आर० बालासुब्रह्मण्यन) : (क) और (ख) सरकार तथा लोक-निकायों के कार्यकरण में पहले की अपेक्षा और अधिक पारदर्शिता तथा खुलापन लाने की दृष्टि से, सरकार ने "सूचना के अधिकार तथा खुली पारदर्शी सरकार के संवर्धन" के संबंध में श्री एच.डी. शौरी की अध्यक्षता में एक कार्यदल गठित किया था। उपर्युक्त कार्यदल ने अपनी रिपोर्ट 21 मई, 1997 को सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दी। उपर्युक्त कार्यदल ने सूचना की स्वतंत्रता संबंधी एक विधेयक का मसौदा सरकार के विचारण के लिये तैयार किया है। उसकी अन्य मुख्य सिफारिशें : शासकीय गुप्त बात अधिनियम, 1923 की धारा 5, भारतीय साक्ष्य अधिनियम, 1872 की धारा 123 तथा 124 में संशोधन के साथ-साथ सिविल प्रक्रिया संहिता, 1908, दंड प्रक्रिया संहिता, 1973, केन्द्रीय सिविल-सेवा (आचरण) नियमावली, 1964 के नियम 11 तथा सूचना के वर्गीकरण से संबंधित विभागीय सुरक्षा अनुदेशों के मैनुअल में परिणामी संशोधन हैं। उपर्युक्त कायदल की रिपोर्ट विभिन्न केन्द्रीय मंत्रालयों/विभागों तथा राज्य-सरकारों/संघ राज्य-प्रशासनों को, उसके द्वारा (उपर्युक्त कार्यदल द्वारा) की गई सिफारिशों पर उनके विचार/टिप्पणियां जानने के लिये भेज दी गई हैं। उपर्युक्त अधिनियमों तथा अन्य प्रावधानों की देख रेख और उन्हें लागू करने वाले मंत्रालयों/विभागों से इन सिफारिशों के संबंध में कार्रवाई शुरू करने का अनुरोध अलग से किया गया है।

Setting-up of a full-fledged infectious disease hospital in Bharuch of Gujarat

*328 SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of infectious diseases hospitals with good investigative and diagnostic facilities, functioning in Gujarat as on date, with details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to set-up or provide Central funds to Gujarat for setting-up such a hospital at Bharuch in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) The Government of Gujarat have informed that the State of Gujarat has established a 50 bedded infectious diseases hospital with satisfactory investigative and diagnostic facilities at Vadodara where a new building has also been completed with an additional 50 beds. The Municipal Corporations of Ahmedabad and Surat have also established infectious disease hospitals.

No proposal has been referred by them for Central assistance for setting up of an Infectious Disease Hospital at Bharuch. 'Health' is a State subject under the Constitution and it is the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate medical facilities in keeping with burden of disease and the felt needs of the people of the area.

Fake Doctors in Delhi

*329. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of fake doctors without even holding a proper medical degree, diploma or certificate from a recognised medical and statutory body, have been practising in Delhi with impunity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has failed to curb the activities of fake doctors in Delhi, resulting into several deaths; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) According to Government of NCT of Delhi, 430 cases of fake doctors (unqualified|unregistered) have been detected, details of which have been submitted to the Hon'ble High Court, Delhi.

(d) The Government of NCT of Delhi have constituted a Committee consisting of Medical Council of India, Board of Homeopathic System of Medicine, Delhi Police (Crime) and Drug Controller Department. The Committee in consultation with Director of Health Services is expected to identify such unqualified unregistered medical practitioners and report the matter to Crime Branch, Delhi Police for further necessary action.

threat perception of US Arms supply to Pakistan

*330 SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. decision to resume supply of strategic military hardware to Pakistan has accentuated India,s threat perception;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether such a situation, close on the heels of Islamabad,s successful testfiring of the Hatf-III missile and China's upgradation of its missile regime targeted on India, along with several other countries, is very tense;

(d) whether Government propose to take some drastic action in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of the resumption of US arms supply worth Dollar 368 million to Pakistan in April 1996 following the passage of the Brown Amendment in the US Congress.

(b) Government have expressed concern at this development as an encouragement to Pakistan's nuclear and missile programmes. Government have conveyed India's concern at these developments to the US authorities. Government remain committed to take appropriate steps to safeguard India's security.

(c) Government have seen media reports about Pakistan's test firing of a medium range missile as well as China's reported deployment of missiles against India and other countries including Russia.

(d) and (e) The acquisition of missiles and related technologies by Pakistan and China are being continuously monitored and assesed by Government. Government of India is committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard its security and national interest in accordance with its own threat perceptions.

Non-Depositing of CPF by Transport Companies engaged with Mother Dairy

*331 SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Transport companies engaged with the Mother Dairy's Fruit and Vegetable plant at Mangolpuri, Delhi are not depositing Central Provident Fund of their drivers and helpers with the Government;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to take strict action against the Transport companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) (a) to (c) There are thirteen transporters engaged